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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair and warmer.

THE CALLING OF FUNSTON.

That "time brings its revenges" is a proverb that is verified in the case of Gen. Frederick Funston, who has been selected to lead the United States troops in Cuba, should armed intervention prove necessary. Yet there was a time when the General had hard work to get even the barest chance to be of service to his country, even in an inconspicuous position. On this subject the "Springfield Union" says: "It is a matter of common knowledge that Funston was turned down in a most emphatic manner when he appealed for a commission in the regular army at the outbreak of the Spanish war. He tried to get into the service of the United States during the Cuban war, as interpreter, captain, colonel or in any office he might be given. He was not allowed to attain his ambition and it was only after he had been appointed a colonel of a regiment of Kansas volunteers and was sent to the Philippines that his ability was recognized."

And yet Funston had gathered information and experience in the island, as a member of the revolutionary forces, which would have proved of value to the Federal Government, at the time, and which it is recognized will be of value in helping to settle the troubles of the young republic, now that we are called upon to do something to bring order out of chaos there. That he will be of great assistance to Secretary Taft as it is, there can be no question, and in case military occupation should become necessary, which it is hoped it will not, he will be invaluable. And then it might truly be said, that the once rejected stone had become the head of the corner. He is known as a brave soldier, cool-headed in danger, and resourceful in an emergency, as shown in his capture of Aguinaldo. Altogether he will without doubt prove to be the right man in the right place, should worse come to worst.—Brooklyn Union.

TO PERFECT THE SERVICE.

It is good news that First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock brings with him from his brief sojourn in Europe. He has been looking into postal matters in London and Paris with an idea of utilizing such points as are adaptable to the purpose in the construction, arrangement, equipment and service in the model postoffice which New York is bidden to expect. Postmaster-General Cortelyou is said to be anxious not only to adopt all the tried and approved features of recent introduction into local postal service abroad, but to give some original trial to ideas of his own and of the department. New York City is so fertile in producing difficult and complex problems of its own in the handling of local mail, it is so unique in the way it holds the attention of every city and town in the country in any line of public service, that the postal officials very properly regard it as the one field for trying the new and promising ideas. Even with a model postoffice and up-to-date equipment and service, the peculiar and daily growing demands on New York's postal facilities, will always be such as to test their adequacy to the limit.—Ex.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The great progress of wireless telegraphy has had no more incidental establishing evidence than the fact that the Institute of International Law at Ghent has been forced to discuss the question of whether or not the air is free for the purposes of such telegraphy. The institute decides that no state, except for its own self-preservation, possesses any rights in the air. This may surprise

some who are forever going into the air when their rights are questioned. It is further held that every state may, as a safeguard whenever its own preservation is in question, oppose the passage of the Hertzian waves above its sacred soil, but in doing so it must promptly warn all other governments of the prohibited wireless correspondence. We can almost imagine a Hertzian wave a thousand miles from its starting point, suddenly making a detour, so as not to pass over prohibited territory, and then calmly resume its way and direction to its original destination—like the messenger-boy that was and happily is not.

THE OLDEST CITIZEN.

Connecticut has lost her oldest citizen in the person of Darius Drake, who would have been 104 had he lived until Oct. 1. Drake was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, and was born in Connecticut in 1802. He thus formed a link with the "times that tried men's souls" and the present day of piping peace and prosperity. He never seems to have seen military service himself. Until he was 96 he voted the Democratic ticket, but by that time its many vagaries proved too much for him, and he had voted the Republican ticket ever since.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Mr. Bryan seems to have an undisturbed monopoly of Government ownership, still.

Curious how ice famines let up just as the public demand turns to coal and furnaces.

Alaska promises to supply us with large quantities of coal, which is very well as the proper time, but can't it spare a little ice?

A divorced woman has become the cook of the woman who succeeded her as wife. Now find the boss in the family.

Many things may happen in politics before 1908 and he laid away on the shelf beside the Bailey boom which has suddenly collapsed.

Several American towns this year have had a plague of fleas, but this is not what the trade journals mean when they say things are on the jump.

It will be observed that the Missouri river was restored to the map as a navigable stream as soon as the state elected a majority of Republican congressmen.

Senator Bailey has always been noticeably prompt in meeting his obligations, but he is provokingly slow in meeting the inquiries propounded by Roger Sullivan.

The Democratic radical candidate for governor in Massachusetts has a fierce look and a tousled shock of hair, and the conservative Democrats are not as yet rushing for buttons.

Chicago woman married 60 years and still happy says "make your husband think he's having his own way, but don't let him go out nights." The husband is not quoted.

The law punishes the guilty; the mob slaughters the innocent and claims that this is the best way to overawe the criminal. The place for that notion of justice is the insane asylum.

San Francisco is planning to get a water supply for the Sierras. Between the mountains and the Pacific ocean the city should escape a waterless condition in any future configuration.

Actors are planning an insurance company, but it will have no death or personal injury features, as the vegetables and eggs thrown are soft and never inflict serious bodily harm.

The size of the fleet President Roosevelt is assembling in Cuban waters suggests that perhaps he intends to tow the island up to Florida and annex it geographically as well as politically.

Baltimore means to be careful. The News says that the inlets of the storm sewers in that city are to be protected with gratings so as not to "allow even the smallest child to pass through."

The Trenton porcelain manufacturer whose order that his girl employees should not sing caused a strike, did not find it necessary to take such a radical step until "waiting at the Church" had been written.

Last April the Campania broke the record for a single trip by bringing \$6250,000 gold to this country, but last week the Carmania arrived with \$15,278,500 gold. The year 1906 is a record breaker generally.

If the Cuban factions can agree the little republic will get another chance—or perhaps breathing spell would be a better term. The new era of good feeling may be expected to last until something happens to disturb it.

The Russell Sage heirs gave up a contest of the will on getting double the amount of their bequests. Unfor-

The Burden of the Sage Millions



By CLARA MORRIS.
For Many Years
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Actress

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NO greater honor could Russell Sage show to a human being than that he paid to Margaret Olivia, his wife, when he made her custodian of his millions—his UNTRAMMELED HIGH ALMONER! Think what testimony he bore to her high mental, physical and spiritual attainments. Think of his long years of experience, of the truest friendship, that closest corporation, a loving but CHILDLESS MARRIED PAIR! A keen, cool, practical man, unacquainted with impulse, he must have acted from careful study and deliberately formed judgment when he placed upon his wife the great responsibility of a proper distribution of his wealth.

He meant to honor her, but he has placed her in a most cruel position. The glitter of her gold will keep the public eye upon her every movement. A refined and sensitive woman, notoriety is loathsome to her. Yet how can she escape it? Poor lady! She is "too rich." THE WOMAN IS FORGOTTEN IN HER MONEY.

The Sage legions cannot be complimented on their wisdom any more than upon their courtesy. She should be left to work in peace, not worried and hampered with lawsuits stretching out to crack o' doom. She is a brainy woman, systematic and thorough. Hers is a great work, and she will do it in the love and fear of God.

BUT HER DAYS OF PEACE ARE OVER. In her eyes the whole human family seem to be turning into mendicants. She sees envy or avarice in every face. Soon she will unconsciously question the motive of every action. She is "too rich." Soon, save for the old tried friends, she—THE WOMAN—will be forgotten in her money.

What a pity Mr. Sage had not followed the example set by Peter Cooper. Let the makers of great fortunes dispose of them WHILE LIVING, taste the joys of giving, feel the satisfaction of carrying out correctly the plans for the benefit of others, make the path of their dear ones safe, smooth and secure without burdening their wives with wealth unmanageable and duty too heavy for them, give their money WITH THEIR OWN HANDS and prevent the humiliation and publicity of will breaking.

Lord Bacon says a word or two that strangely fits Mr. Sage's case. Speaking of ways to win fortune, he says:

"PARSIMONY IS ONE OF THE BEST AND YET IT IS NOT INNOCENT. FOR IT WITHHOLDETH MEN FROM WORKS OF LIBER-ALITY AND CHARITY."

tunately the amount bestowed by the will on charity might be multiplied by 2 or 100 without making any difference.

A Havana paper says intervention by the United States would enslave Cuba. Then why doesn't Cuba govern itself peaceably as a separate republic? The opportunity has been offered and is still open. Cuba seems to be desperately enslaved now by the revolutionary spirit.

Immigration is still increasing, though the total last year was over a million. The arrivals last month were 81,592, which is 18,183 more than in August, 1905. At this rate the immigration for the present fiscal year will be in the neighborhood of a million and a quarter.

The man who owns his home is in a position that the renter can never reach. The renter usually finds that his rent is too high, or he is dissatisfied for some reason, is restless and discontented stalks before him. He wants to move. He does not take the same interest in municipal affairs, in his own affairs, nor is he as

affairs, in his own affairs, nor is he as solicitous of his neighbors, as the man who owns his home.

From Germany and from Japan we are now instructed that we must annex Cuba. The principal penalty of being a world-power is the necessity of looking pleasant at butters-in.

Somehow no one ever hears of an admiral partiotic enough to go prancing around town in full uniform toggery to test whether it is a "badge of honor" in amusement places.

Now that the California invention of the "televue" brings the parties to a telephone conversation in sight of each other, he will have to cultivate a new disappointed expression to go with his words when he tells her he will be detained—so sorry—in the city by business over night.

The Harlem, N. Y., police court lawyer who refused to return money he had secured from a prospective client because it would be "unprofessional" was perfectly right. For a lawyer to return money is more than "unprofessional"; it is "unthinkable."

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